

MINUTES

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, September 12, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE McCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 401 N. MORTON, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Roll Call

Members Present: Susan Brackney, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, Catherine Stafford, Toby Strout, John West, Bob Bent, Keith Clay, Dave Rollo, Cairril Mills

Regrets: George Huntington, Darryl Neher,

Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development
Mike Steinhoff, Service Corps Intern
Jenny Sumner, Service Corps Intern

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

6:02 Meeting called to order by John Hamilton. August Minutes amended to reflect the absence of Cairril Mills. Motion to approve by John West and seconded by Dave Rollo. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Paul Schneller asked whether the Commission can find funds to send Commissioners or Staff to attend conferences on sustainability. Paul and Tom Beauchamp have offered their services in writing grant applications to acquire such funds.

Steve Forest encouraged the use of the opportunity presented by high gas prices to get more people interested in sustainability. Steve also acknowledged the efforts of Bloomington Transit and encourages them to do more, including the expansion of their routes.

Lucille Bertuccio and Susan Seitzinger solicited nominations for the Simply Bioneers award and for members to join the selection committee.

Announcements

Dave Rollo noted that the Common Council's Peak Oil resolution has attracted international attention, being picked up by German Public Radio.

Staff Report

Motion by John West to move the May 8, 2007 meeting to May 9, seconded by Keith Clay. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Initiatives

John Hamilton reported that the Initiatives Committee will send letters to the applicants after the suggested amendments. There will be subsequent meetings to discuss with the applicants what the next steps might be to implement their ideas.

Indicators

Catherine Stafford reported that the Indicators Committee needs assistance in completing the Sustainability Assessment Report. Catherine will assign to each Commission member a batch of indicators that still need data collected.

Education

Christine Glaser reported that the press release for the September forum went out today. Flyers were printed using via the Planning Department, which staffs the Environmental Commission, co-sponsor of the Forum.

Old Business

Bob Bent reported on a recent meeting with Mayor Kruzan, BCOS and EC representatives regarding the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement:

Mayor Kruzan would like to see small early successes to build momentum in the community to take on larger initiatives. A scheduled action plan should be developed through a BCOS/EC partnership. Other partners that could be involved might be IU and Ivy Tech to possibly make it an academic exercise as well. John Hamilton will work with EC Chair Isabel Piedmont to draft a joint meeting agenda for those BCOS members willing to help with this joint effort.

New Business

Susan Brackney reported that she must resign from the BCOS. John Hamilton thanked Susan on behalf of the entire Commission, recognizing her as an outstanding member of BCOS, and as instrumental in the development and research of the indicators for the first Sustainability Assessment Report. Susan's enthusiasm and commitment will surely be missed, and the BCOS welcomes her participation in future BCOS events.

John Hamilton motioned to adjourn the meeting, Catherine Stafford seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm